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NEWS & NOTES FROM AROUND THE YACHTING WORLD



## FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

*Jarrett Bay Boatworks  
has started work  
on its largest battlewagon to date.*

*By Kim Kavin*

**W**HEN YOU'VE BEEN creating custom sport-fish yachts for nearly three decades, you tend to evolve. That's the case with Jarrett Bay Boatworks in Beaufort, North Carolina, which started as a yard where local charter fishermen could order boats exactly how they wanted them. Today, Jarrett Bay is a 175-acre marine industrial park that houses Cat, MAN and MTU distributors, soft-goods companies, refit and repair services, and whatever else a boat might need. "We can repower it, we can repaint it — anything you want under one roof," says founder and President Randy Ramsey. Jarrett Bay can build it too, if it's a custom sport-fish yacht. The yard has started production on Hull 62, which will be its biggest so far: a 90-footer with more

*Jarrett Bay President Randy Ramsey says the 90-footer now under construction "will not be a typical sport-fishing boat."*

## THE HOT LIST



### SEE AND BE SEEN

*The Luxuriator collection by Franco (\$25,000) offers diamonds, white gold and more.*



### A STYLISH POUR

*Kors Vodka (\$24,500) comes packaged in bottles hand-painted in 24-karat gold.*



### BRING ART ON BOARD

*Damien Hirst's crystal panels (starting at \$19,000) for Lalique come in several colors.*



*Six staterooms and five heads are specified. Delivery is in spring 2017.*

technical innovations than the builder has ever attempted, or, in some cases, even seen tried by anyone else.

"There are some aspects of this boat that I don't believe have ever been built this way," Ramsey says. "Most of our investment has been in the research prior to construction starting. It has been more extensive than [on] any boat I've been involved in."

The stringer system is one element that Ramsey says will be unique. It is being designed with substantial use of carbon-fiber composites, which also will be utilized in the bridge, cabin and decks. Titanium will replace some items that would have been heavier if built in bronze or stainless steel. The goal is to maintain strength while reducing weight and increasing speed.

For the 90, Ramsey says, the company also has invested in tools that will allow for more vacuum-bagging. "The hull itself is actually a wooden skin," he says. "We probably could have saved a little weight by using a composite, but we wanted to make sure this boat is quiet underway. That is very important to this customer."

Like most Jarrett Bay buyers, the customer is a knowledgeable boater. His current yacht is in the 70-foot range, a custom build from another yard. The plan for the 90 is family use in the Bahamas along with fish-chasing expeditions to Panama and the South Pacific.

Power plants haven't been chosen, but initial specs show a range of more than 4,000 miles at 10 knots. Cruising speed will be in the high 30-knot range with a top hop in the low to mid-40s.

To keep the cruising comfortable, Jarrett Bay is working with Seakeeper to install what Ramsey says will be that company's largest stabilizer unit to date. Aerodynamic testing will maximize performance, fiber-optic cabling is being researched for the audiovisual and communications systems, interior mock-ups are in the works, and more.

"We've built some nice boats, and I love them all, from the smallest one we've built to this one," Ramsey says, "but it's fun to have a customer this excited, who wants to put the maximum effort into even the smallest details." ▀

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## SOUTH PACIFIC CHARTER: CARE TO PLAY?

June marks the start of the yacht charter season in some of the South Pacific's best big-game locations. A number of yachts not only are available for bookings, but also are well outfitted with tenders and gear for sport fishing, scuba diving and more. Motoryacht options include the 111-foot *Kingship Relentless*, which just joined the 37South charter fleet, and the 147-foot *Aquos Big Fish*, which is returning to the region through Y.CO. Sailors might consider the 203-foot *Holland Jachtbouw Athos*, with McMaster Yachts, or the 104-foot *Tréhard Ocean's Seven<sup>2</sup>*, which lists with Yachting Partners International. Looking ahead to the 2016 season, inquiries are being accepted in Tahiti and the Society Islands aboard the 75-foot *Privilege Matau* with Nicholson Yachts.